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## Youth Connections Community of Practice Launched

The U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has unveiled its latest Community of Practice – which focuses on youth issues.

This online community is a place where youth practitioners can learn from one another, share successful approaches and models, and advance youth workforce development efforts. The CoP platform is intended to foster on-going collaboration. Members are able to access resources posted by their colleagues within the community, ETA and other broader resources of Workforce3 One, including the Workforce Solutions database. The Youth Connections CoP topic areas include Youth Workforce Connections, Building Youth Talent, Emerging Industries for Youth and Hot Topics.

To join the Youth Connections CoP, [click here](#)

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## Mott Foundation announces launch of “Make It Stick” campaign

High-quality afterschool and summer learning programs have long demonstrated that when academics are connected to the real world, learning becomes relevant and sticks! The Mott Foundation has announced the launch of the **Make It Stick** campaign which showcases afterschool and summer learning programs across the country that are making a difference.

Leaders in afterschool and summer learning are critical to building robust content that makes the case that high-quality afterschool and summer learning programs provide:

- More young people with engaging learning opportunities tied to academics
- More collaboration between schools and communities
- More structure at the state level supporting innovation and improvement
- More research on what works
- More of what makes learning stick!

Visit [\*\*Make It Stick\*\*](#) to sign up for updates, share your stories, use the toolkit to spread the word and much more!

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## **New resource on STEM learning after school**

The Frontiers in Urban Science Exploration (FUSE) Resource Guide, produced by the Collaborative for Building After-School Systems (CBASS), promotes informal science education after school. The Resource Guide describes FUSE, created by The After-School Corporation (TASC) to stimulate a culture shift that leads to greater opportunities for kids to experience informal science education after school, as well as in school and during summers.

The guide presents promising STEM models from around the country and provides links and information about STEM research reports, curricula and evaluation resources.

**[Click here](#)** to view the resource guide.

### ***About LVP...***

The Life Ventures Partnership is a collaborative public/private initiative to promote the future vitality of Milwaukee's regional economy by preparing young people to become:

- Life-long learners
- Productive workers
- Self-sufficient citizens.

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